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**Applicant's Reply to Office Communication of 12/07/2006  
"Rejection of Claims Over Prior Art" by way of Amendment and by  
way of Declaration.**

The Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's objections and rejections and also the references cited in view of the state of the art. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 of the present application on the basis of being anticipated by Dischler (4,890,469) and that Dischler taught the claimed method of the present application. The Examiner also listed 4 other patent references cited in view of the state of the art.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections of the claims.

The Applicant wishes to amend claim 1 to further distinguish it from the references.

The Applicant denies that Dischler anticipated and taught the claimed method and denies that the 4 other references anticipated or taught the claimed method of the present application.